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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director, OSI
THRU: Acting Executive
SUBJECT: Joint Committees

1. We have noticed that the subcommittees under the Scientific Intelligence Committee are usually called Joint Chemical Warfare, Joint Electronics, etc. I hope they won't get mixed up with the various committees of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which are usually called Joint Meteorological Committees, etc.

2. To avoid such possible confusion we have usually been omitting the use of the word Joint the way we have avoided the use of the word Inter-departmental in front of our committees. The latter for the reason that we wish to keep them CIA committees rather than build up the impression that they are the committees of the Intelligence Advisory Committee -- even though they usually do have inter-departmental membership.

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